

**Individual Narrative of Gabriel⁶ Leverich [67]
 Son of Samuel⁵ Leverich [19] and Deborah Wright
 Husband of Hannah Thorpe**

Gabriel Leverich was born on 22 May 1753 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of Samuel Leverich and Deborah Wright. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Gabriel's age at the time of his death.^{1,2}

At the onset of the Revolutionary War, Gabriel Leverich was enrolled from 25 July to 25 August 1776 as a Sergeant in Captain Benjamin Coe's Company of Militia, in Col. Josiah Smith's Regiment, in Queens County, stationed on Long Island to guard stock and inhabitants.^{3,4}

Following the battle of Long Island on August 27, 1776, at which time the British occupied New York City and Long Island for the duration of the war, Gabriel became a refugee in Connecticut. In April 1777, Gabriel enrolled as a Sergeant in Captain Jonathan Brown's Company, the regiment commanded by Col. John Lamb, also known as the 2nd Regiment of Artillery of the Continental Army. This regiment was recruited in Connecticut, and consisted primarily of men native to New York State. Gabriel served in this unit until sometime in 1781, at which time he transferred to an Infantry Company commanded by Capt Cliff, Regiment of Col. Thomas Grovner, Line of the State of Connecticut, where he served until the end of the war in 1783.^{5,6}

**Gabriel Leverich, Sgt
 2nd (CT) Regiment, Atillery
 Capt Jonathan Brown's Company
 Col. John Lamb, Commanding
 December 1779**

Pay Roll of Capt. Jonathan Brown's Company, 2nd (CT) Regiment, Artillery, in the Service of the United States of America, for the Month of Decr. 1779									
Name	Rank	Amount of Pay	to what Service paid	By 4th Month	of 1779	of 1780	of 1781	of 1782	of 1783
William Coffey	2d Lieut			353	10		153		
Wm. Neal	Sergeant			10			10		
Charles Peck				10			10		
John Peck				10			10		
Gabriel Leverich				10			10		
Wm. Walcott				10			10		
John Fish				10			10		
Solomon Barnes	corporal			9			9		

In 1820, when he filed for a pension for his war service, Gabriel declared that he had participated in the battle of Fort Montgomery, on the North (Hudson) River. Fort Montgomery was the scene of a fierce Revolutionary War battle for control of a 14-acre fortification, perched on a cliff overlooking the magnificent Hudson River. On October 6, 1777, British, Loyalist and Hessian forces attacked Fort Montgomery and nearby Fort Clinton. The defending American Patriots, outnumbered 3 to 1, fought desperately until driven out of their forts at the points of the enemy bayonets. More than half of the Patriot forces were killed, wounded or captured. Gabriel Leverich survived.^{7,8}

Gabriel Leverich married Hannah Thorpe, daughter of Samuel Thorpe and Hannah Winton, on 2 Apr 1779 at Fairfield, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, at the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church.^{9,10}

Hannah Thorpe was born, presumably in Connecticut, on 14 May 1755. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Hannah's age at the time she died. James Riker in his *Annals of Newtown* states that Hannah was the daughter of Samuel Thorpe of Bridgeport, Connecticut. The same information is cited by Donald Lines Jacobus in *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, who suggested that her mother may have been Hannah Winton.^{11,12,13}

The records of the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church in Fairfield document the baptism of Dorothy, child of Gabriel Leverich and Hannah his wife, on 14 August 1780, noting that Deborah was born 1 November 1779. Presumably Hannah was pregnant with Deborah at the time she and Gabriel were married in April 1779. Two additional children, Susan and Sarah, were likely born in Connecticut prior to Gabriel and Hannah returning to Long Island at the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783.^{14,15}

The 1786 Tax List for Newtown included the following members of the Leverich family:

- Widow Sarah Leverich
- William Leverich
- William and Edward Leverich
- Sackett and William Leverich
- Gabriel Leverich
- Samuel Leverich
- Jesse Leverich

One of the William's is likely William Leverich the blacksmith. Sons of William included William, Edward, and Jesse. It is uncertain which William was the William identified with Sackett Leverich, who would have been living on the old family homestead. Gabriel and Samuel were sons of Samuel Leverich, died 1754, who was a brother of William the blacksmith.^{16,17}

Gabriel Leverich is recorded as a head of household in the 1790 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The census tallies note 1 free white male age 16 and over (Gabriel) and 7 free white females (wife Hannah and 6 daughters).¹⁸

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. Gabriel Leverich is recorded on the tax assessment roles at Newtown, Queens Co, New York for the year 1799, but is not listed for the period 1800-1803. The 1799 assessment list indicates that Gabriel apparently owned no real estate, and the value of his personal property was \$20.00. This indicates that despite having nine children at the time, Gabriel was among the least affluent residents of Newtown. Gabriel's trade was that of a blacksmith, according to his revolutionary war pension application in 1820. Presumably he was renting or leasing a residence, and perhaps was employed as a blacksmith by another individual.^{19,20}

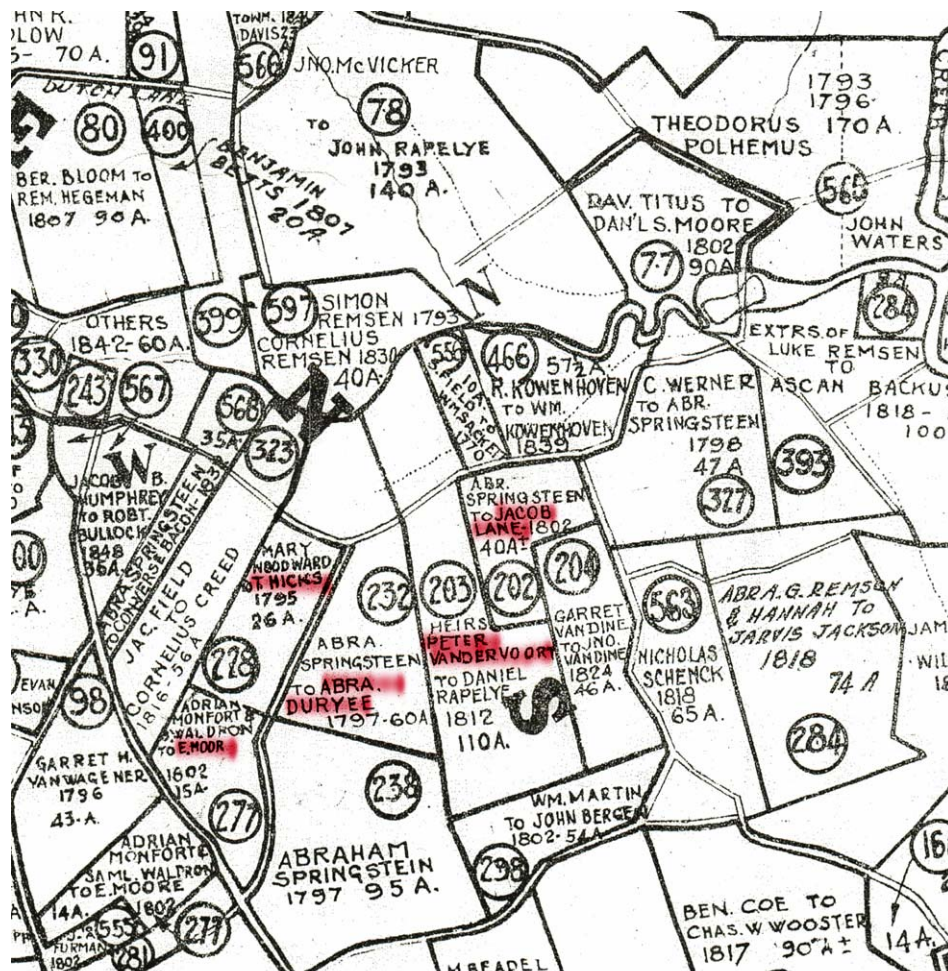
On 11 August 1800, Samuel, Sacket, Elizabeth, Anna, and Gabriel, the children of Gabriel Leverich, were baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²¹

Gabriel Leverich is not found in the 1800 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. A search of the census microfilm for neighbors reflected in the 1790 census did not find Gabriel. Since Gabriel is found in the Newtown Presbyterian Church records in 1800, it may be that the 1800 census taker missed him for unknown reasons.^{22,23}

Mrs. Gabriel Leverich is recorded as becoming a member of the Newtown Presbyterian Church in 1803.²⁴

Gabriel Leverich is recorded in the 1810 U.S. Census, adjacent to his brother Samuel Leverich, of Newtown, Queens County, New York. Census tally data record 1 free white male age 10 to 15 (son Gabriel Jr), 1 free white male over the age of 45 (Gabriel Sr), 1 free white female age 16 to 25 (daughter Ann), 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (either Sarah, Susan, or Deborah, all of whom were not married), and 1 free white female over the age of 45 (wife Hannah).²⁵

Neighbors of Gabriel Leverich in the 1810 census include Thomas Hicks, Abraham Duryee, Peter Vandervoort, Edward Moore, and Jacob Lane. Neither Samuel nor Gabriel Leverich are found on the 1800 ownership map of Queens County. However, the above named neighbors all appear in a cluster on the 1800 ownership map, located to the east of Newtown village.²⁶



**1800 Ownership Map Queens Co, New York
Neighbors of Samuel and Gabriel Leverich
1810 U.S. Census: Newtown, Queens Co, NY**

Gabriel Leverich is recorded as a head of household in the 1820 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The census tallies note 1 free white male age 26-44 (unidentified), 1 free white male age 45 and over (Gabriel Sr), 3 free white females (likely daughters Anna, Sarah, and Susan). There is no tally accounting for wife Hannah, although she was alive at the time.²⁷

On 19 June 1820, at the Marine Court of the City of New York, Gabriel Leverich made a Declaration as part of his application for a revolutionary war pension. In this declaration, Gabriel states that he is 68 years old and that "my real estate consists of a small wooden house, one story high, standing on part of a piece of ground 80 feet square; leased for fifty cents a year; the house is old and out of repair, and was built for me by private charity." His personal estate consisted of a small collection of household goods. Gabriel goes on to state that "my trade was that of a Blacksmith, now no occupation or ability to pursue it. My family consists of a wife 68 years of age and infirm, 2 daughters and one son, the last of which are capable to contribute to their own support. And further next I the said Gabriel Leverich am incapable of supporting myself except by private or public charity." Gabriel was awarded a monthly pension of \$34.10, which in 2013 amounted to about \$700.00 per month.^{28,29}

Hannah Thorpe Leverich died at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 9 October 1827, age 72 years, 4 months, and 26 days. She was initially buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground, but was apparently reinterred at a later date at the Newtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Her burial is recorded in both locations.^{30,31,32}

Gabriel Leverich died at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 3 September 1828, age 75 years, 3 months, and 12 days. He was initially buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground, but was apparently reinterred at a later date at the Newtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery. His burial is recorded in both locations.^{33,34}

Gabriel left no will. Letters of Administration on his estate were granted in Queens Co, New York on 6 October 1828 to his son Samuel Leverich.³⁵ Samuel filed a final accounting of the settlement of the estate in 1830. Estate revenue was \$84.45, and expenses were \$139.98.³⁶

Gabriel and Hannah Leverich had ten children, all of whom survived to adulthood, but four of whom died relatively young before or about the age of 40. There were six daughters, two of whom married, followed by four sons, three of whom married.³⁷

- i. Deborah Leverich was born in Fairfield Co, Connecticut on 1 November 1779, and died unmarried at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 19 January 1831.^{38,39,40}
- ii. Susan Leverich was born at Fairfield Co, Connecticut on 30 June 1781, and died unmarried at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 19 November 1820.^{41,42,43}
- iii. Sarah Leverich was born in Fairfield, Connecticut about 1782, and died unmarried at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 29 September 1872.^{44,45}
- iv. Hannah Leverich was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York about 1786, married 22 October 1808 John Elderd (Eldert, Eldred), and died of cholera in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York in 17 July 1849.^{46,47}
- v. Elizabeth Leverich was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York about 1787 to 1792, married 14 January 1808 Rem Remsen, and died between 1850 and 1857, probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{48,49,50}
- vi. Ann Leverich was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York about 1789, and died unmarried at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 13 December 1874.⁵¹
- vii. Samuel Leverich was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 2 November 1791, married 7 November 1833 Sarah (Sally) Leverich, daughter of Jesse Leverich, and died at Southport, Chemung Co, New York on 12 July 1864.^{52,53}
- viii. Benjamin Leverich was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York 16 September 1794, married 19 November 1818 Evelina Myers, and died at Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 16 January 1832.^{54,55,56}
- ix. Sackett Leverich was born at Newtown, Queens County, New York about 1795, married 11 April 1820 Clarissa Howard, and died at an unknown location, probably in New York, in 1839.^{57,58,59}
- x. Gabriel Leverich Jr was born at Newtown, Queens Co, NY 18 December 1799, and died unmarried at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 20 February 1839.^{60,61}

Gabriel and Hannah Leverich had at least 18 grandchildren, which is documented in court filings for the estate of Gabriel Leverich Jr in 1848 and 1857, as well as unrelated litigation in 1878.^{62,63,64,65}

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